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## Another Veteran Gone.

**The Venerable Mr. William Rogers, Confederate Soldier and Good Citizen, Passes Away.**

Mr. W. D. Rogers, a well known and most highly esteemed citizen of this county, died last Wednesday night, of heart trouble, at the home of his nephew, Mr. Lonnie Vaughn, in the Vanwyck section. He had been living this year with his old friend Capt. J. C. Foster, on the latter's plantation in the Waxhaws, but when taken sick, about three weeks ago, he went to his nephew's.

Mr. Rogers was born and reared in Chester county, but had been a resident of this county many years. He was about 78 years of age. He was a Confederate veteran, having served in Jenkins's brigade. Mr. Rogers was a widower, his wife, who was Miss Mollie Patterson, daughter of the lamented Rev. Wm. Patterson, having died a number of years ago, about a year after their marriage.

Mr. Rogers was a man of sterling character and enjoyed the unbounded confidence of all who knew him. He was a consistent member of the Methodist church. His remains were buried at Six Mile church Thursday afternoon.

## Celebrated his 80th Birthday.

Mr. I. P. Walkup, one of the oldest and best known citizens of the Unity neighborhood, celebrated the 80th anniversary of his birth last Monday. A bounteous picnic dinner was served on the occasion. All of his children and grandchildren and a goodly number of his neighbors were present to enjoy the day with him. Altogether the birthday party numbered about seventy-five. Rev. J. Meek White was also present and conducted an appropriate and interesting religious service.—Waxhaw Enterprise.

## Death of Mrs. W. N. Spray.

Mrs. W. N. Spray died at the home of her son-in-law, Mr. John Yankle, at Van Wyck last Saturday evening, after a lingering illness. Heart-failure was the immediate cause of her death. Her remains were buried Sunday at Six Mile Presbyterian church. Mrs. Spray had lived to a ripe old age and was a good christian woman.—Waxhaw Enterprise.

Dr. W. E. Burton, of Birmingham, Ala., on Wednesday, shot and killed his wife, fatally wounded Dr. T. T. Thaxton, whom he found at his home with his wife and other members of the family, and then committed suicide by cutting his own throat.

## Death of Mrs. Davidson, Daughter of late Daniel C. Wolfe.

Charlotte Observer, of Wednesday: Mrs. John W. Davidson, mother of Mr. Walter H. Davidson, of the firm of Davidson & Wolfe, of this city, died at her home in Pleasant Valley, S. C. last Monday night at 12:30 o'clock. She had a stroke of paralysis last Friday, after which she never rallied or regained consciousness. She had been in feeble health for several years. The funeral took place at Pleasant Hill Methodist church yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Amanda Wolfe Davidson was a daughter of the late Daniel C. Wolfe, of Pleasant Valley, and a sister of Mr. J. K. Wolfe, of this city, and John D. Wolfe, of Pleasant Valley. She was 55 years old and leaves a husband and one child, Mr. Walter H. Davidson, of Charlotte. She was a woman of fine character, and had been a consistent member of Pleasant Hill church for many years.

## Terrible Disaster in Naples Caused by the Eruptions of Mount Vesuvius.

Naples, April 11.—A frightful disaster has occurred in the center of this city, following the eruptions of Mount Vesuvius.

Two hundred people, it is estimated, were buried this morning in the ruins of the market Mount Oliveto, when the roof collapsed under the weight of cinders from the volcano. The exact number of people within the building at moment of the catastrophe is not known, and the list of fatalities is problematical.

The work of rescue progressed during the morning hours, and before noon seven bodies had been removed and seventy injured persons taken from the ruins.

The disaster was appalling.

The court yard covers 600 square feet, and was roofed. The space within was unusually crowded with buyers and their children, the accident happening at the hour of the day when trade is most brisk. Rival displays of flowers, fruits and vegetables contended for buyers, while the market women screamed their wares and joked with their customers. Little children played about the stands, adding gaiety to the scene, the like of which is not witnessed outside of Naples.

Suddenly, with scarcely tremor or warning, there was a terrific crash, and the brilliant sights disappeared in a cloud of dust, while shrieks of agony rent the air.

The famous Greene and Gaynor trial, which has been in progress in Savannah for three months, ended Thursday in a verdict of guilty. The judge's charge to the jury was 8 hours in length.

## Attention, Farmers!

**A Strong Appeal to the Farmers to Stand Loyal by the Cotton Growers' Association—Reduce Cotton Acreage, Plant more Corn and Build Warehouses Forcefully Urged.**

The cotton growers' Association for this county, as well as the Associations all over the cotton states, should now be compactly organized, before a seed of cotton is planted for the new year; in order that we may stand together in solid phalanx, and act in concert. That the best results may be obtained by the producer in securing a fair price for his cotton, the mandates of the officers of the association throughout the cotton belt should be obeyed, not only as to the acreage to be planted, but also as to the price and manner of putting the cotton on the market. There is no other way to secure uniformity of purpose and concert of action, in this matter, except by thorough organization, and a strict maintenance of the organization. Half-hearted work and an incomplete organization will not avail. There are some people who stand aloof, and refuse to join and obey the mandates of the Association, and say it is a good thing for others to undertake this laudable work, but that they can do better by acting independently for themselves. Such a class are selfish, and unpatriotic, because they fully realize the good effects of the association, but think that for their own interest it is better for them to stay out, plant as much cotton as they please and take advantage of the good work accomplished by the Association. Now this is not honest and commendable. I have heard a few men, and some who patronize the bucket shops, say that Col. Harvie Jordan, the President of Parent Association, Mr. E. D. Smith, the efficient President of the State Association, Mr. Hyatt and Mr. Weston are working for large salaries, and are just fooling the people. This is contemptible talk and needs no refutation; but it makes all good citizens tired to listen to such nonsense. These men are working in a good cause, and should be paid for their work. Col. Jordan and Mr. Smith have traveled all over the cotton states, urging organization and the plans of the Association, so that we here in South Carolina, as well as all other cotton growers, may reap the advantage of the combined work.

But we ought to understand distinctly, that these men however industrious and efficient they may be in their work, can not accomplish anything at all unless they can induce the people to organize, and carry out the plans of the Association.

Organization, and strict obedience to the recommendations are absolutely essential. The plans of the Association, if followed by the people, will most certainly secure good prices for the cotton they raise. This is as plain as two and two make four. The people have power to do this thing, if they will act generally in concert. Then cut down your acreage by one third, and plant the same in corn, and you will make no mistake. Build you a public ware house in every town in which to store your cotton and preserve it in good condition, until you can place it on the market in quantities so as not to glut the market at one time. And sell only at the prices suggested by the Association. Those of us who are now holding our cotton, will get 15 cents for it, if we will only hold it long enough. Be loyal to the Association.

R. E. Allison.

## The Mackey Block

**Dr. Mackey to go Ahead With the Erection of a Fine Brick Building at Corner Main and Gay Streets.**

Dr. J. F. Mackey has decided to go ahead with the erection of a handsome 2 story brick building at the corner of Main and Gay streets, which improvement it was announced in The News a week ago the doctor had in contemplation. Cherry & Co. began yesterday to move their stock of goods out of the building at present on the site, preparatory to the removal of the building to the west corner of the lot. Dr. Mackey and family, who reside in the second story of the house, will remain in the building while it is being moved. Contractor Birmingham will probably start Monday the work of removal.

Dr. Mackey has not fully decided on the plans of his new building. Mr. Adam Ganson, of New York, is expected to arrive here Monday, to advise with the doctor about the plans. It seems to be definitely settled that quarters for the First National Bank will be fitted up in the new building, and that Cherry & Co., will occupy one of the store rooms, for their stock of dry goods and groceries.

County Supervisor Gardner, who, as previously stated, is interesting himself in behalf of an increase in the pensions of the widows of Mexican soldiers in this county, forwarded to Senator Tillman in Washington yesterday full information as to the age, financial condition, etc. of each widow.

Miss Hattie Taylor went to Waxhaw yesterday, to visit relatives.

A tornado in Texas Thursday almost completely destroyed the town of Briggs. Two persons were killed and thirty injured.

## PERSONAL

Mrs. R. A. Dobson, of Kershaw, is visiting her brother, Mr. Geo. W. Williams, and family.

Messrs J. H. Witherspoon, W. T. Williams and J. P. King attended the Shriners' meeting in Columbia this week.

Mr. J. K. Harris, of the Heath Springs section, spent Wednesday night with relatives in Lancaster. We are indebted to him for a pleasant call while here.

Mr. R. D. F. Barton and two sons, Messrs John and Poovey Barton, of Lancaster, came over Saturday and spent until Monday with the former's sister, Mrs. Janie R. Ballard, on Hampton street.—Rock Hill Herald.

Miss Maude Gregory, who has been teaching school in Clarendon, returned home this week, her school having closed.

Mr. A. J. Clark, of Lancaster, was in this city for a few hours yesterday. Mr. Clark is an old newspaper man who has a large number of friends here.—The Columbia State.

Miss Enola Barnett, of Rock Hill, is visiting Mrs. O. O. Ferguson, of Jones X Roads.

Miss Herbert Kaminer, of Gadsden, is visiting her sister, Mrs. M. S. Witherspoon.

Mrs. Scruggs, of Kershaw, is visiting Mrs. William Frew.—Rock Hill Record.

Mr. J. E. Creed, formerly of Heath Springs, but now farming in Kershaw county, was in town yesterday. He paid this office a pleasant call while here.

Mrs. Leroy Springs, of Lancaster, came over today to attend the funeral services of little May Davidson.—Rock Hill Record.

Mrs. R. E. A. Huey, of Jacksonham, and her son Mr. Claude Huey, of Cheraw, have gone to Wildwood, Fla., to visit relatives. Mr. Walter Huey accompanied his mother as far as Camden.

*Southern Express Company's Good Service—Its New Delivery Wagon.*

The Southern Express Company continues to do the right thing by Lancaster. In fact, ever since The News began its agitation for the removal of the Express office up town, and for other improvements in Lancaster, the company has evinced a desire to do everything in reason for the convenience and accommodation of its patrons here.—A prominent official of the company, Mr. Parks, promptly came to Lancaster, and looking over the situation, decided to have the Express office transferred from the depot to a central point up town, which was accordingly done, as noted in The News at the time.

This week the Express company had shipped to its agent here, Mr. L. P. Roddey, a handsome new delivery wagon, which is now being used to deliver express matter in any part of town. The turnout is a credit to the community and altogether in keeping with Lancaster's progress.